

Amendment to the Claims:

Cancel claims 2 and 11-14 without prejudice.

1. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ A chimeric RNA molecule for delivering an HIV TAR RNA to the nucleolus of a cell, comprising a snoRNA or a portion thereof which retains the ability of a snoRNA to localize in the nucleolus of a cell, and an HIV TAR RNA which binds HIV Tat protein, comprising i) an RNA or a portion of an RNA which targets nucleoli in cells, and ii) an HIV TAR element.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Previously Amended) The RNA molecule of claim 2 1, wherein said snoRNA is a C/D box snoRNA.

4. (Previously Amended) The RNA molecule of claim 2 1, wherein said snoRNA comprises a C box and a D box.

5. (Previously Amended) The RNA molecule of claim 2 1, wherein said snoRNA is U16 snoRNA.

6. (Currently Amended) The RNA molecule of claim 5, wherein said HIV TAR ~~element~~ RNA has replaced an apical loop of U16 snoRNA.

7. (Currently Amended) The RNA molecule of claim 1, wherein said HIV TAR ~~element~~ RNA comprises SEQ ID NO:12.

8. ~~(Currently Amended) The~~ An expression cassette comprising a coding sequence for the RNA molecule of claim 1.

9. (Previously Amended) The expression cassette of claim 8, further comprising an RNA pol III promoter sequence.

10. (Previously Amended) A cell comprising the RNA molecule of claim 1.

11. (Canceled).

12. (Canceled).

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